

CM Harper-Madison Budget Rider #3

LIABILITY RESERVE FUND

The City Manager is directed to develop a process that would involve the Police Department in the dispersion of liability reserve funds for police-related settlements. This process shall require the Department to explain to Council why the settlement is appropriate and present policy/operational changes the Department will implement to ensure a similar event will not recur. This new process should be developed with the intent to increase departmental understanding of the amount police-related lawsuits are costing the city, and to publicly provide details on how they will reduce liability risk.

Furthermore, as part of the Reimagining Public Safety Process, staff is directed to provide additional recommendations, including but not limited to:

- I. Options regarding how to fund expenditures related to misconduct outside of general taxpayer funds;
- II. Increasing financial accountability within the police department and among individual officers;
- III. Removing the Police Department from the Liability Reserve Fund and requiring litigation and settlement fees be paid from the Police operational budget and exhausted before additional funds are approved;
- IV. The timely distribution of settlement funds; and
- V. Reducing overall police-related liability risk.